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Instant investigation was instituted as a result of the receipt of information from MM T-1, another Covernment agency which conducts intelligence and personnel investigations. MM T-1 said that on August 4, 1959, a fairly reliable source in Cuba reported that RICARDO MADAN was one of these who was an agent of the Cuban Covernment operating in and cut of Massi, Florida.

Ca May 13, 1954, the New York Office of the Federal Eureau of Investigation advised that Assistant United States Attorney RIGHARD CHEM, Southern District of New York, adviced that he intended to start presenting evidence to the Federal Grand Jury on May 13, 1954, seeking a superseding indictment against cortain individuals for conspiracy to violate Section 452D, Title 22, United States Code. One of those named was RICARDO MADAN. CHEM said MARAN, who had not previously appeared in the investigation conducted in the matter, was a freight forwarder and an alleged arms emuggler.

On January 25, 1955, JAMES OFFUTT, Assistant Supervising Customs Agent in Miami, advised that investigation by United States Customs relative to the Federal laws involving exporting of arms and ammunition without a license or conspiracy to do so as prescribed in Section 452D, Title 22 and Section 371 of Title 18, United States Code, resulted in the conviction of RICARDO MADAN in the Federal Court in New York City upon MADAN's plea of nolle contenders. MADAN was fined \$2,500.00.

On September 24, 1956, MM T-2, Chen A Cubent Government of Selected, advised that a numbership list of the Patriotic Club of July 25 in Micmi, which had been furnished to informant by a confidential source which ha believed to be reliable, listed the name of RAFAEL MADAN RIVAS, with no address given.

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Informant was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this macter.

On Movember 23, 1956, MM T-2 and MM T-3, also at that ties an official we the then Cuban Government, both advised that they had received information from a very reliable informant who was a close associate of former Cuben President CANLOS-PRIO, that an emissary of PRIO had just returned from the Dominican Republic where their informant was in close contact with the PRIO group in the Deminican Republic. Their informant reported as follows: PRIO was being used as a front by Generalissimo RAPAES-TRUJILLO, Head of the Dominican Republic, in a plan to launch a revolutionary assack against the BATISTA Government of Cuba. TRUJILLO was being aided by small factions of Cubans led by POLICARPO-SOLER, a Cuban gangater who fled Cuba following the overthrow of PRIO in 1952. POLICARPO went to the Dominican Republic about nine months previously when he was refused re-entry to Cuba without immunity from criminal prosecution.

Reportedly POLICARPO began conspiring with TRUJILLO and was subsequently joined in the Dominican Republic by CANDIDO DE LA-TORRE, former PRIO associate, RICARDO MADAN, also a former PRIO associate who had been involved in gun smuggling activities in the Miami area during the recent past, EUFEMIO-FERNANDEZ, former Chief of Police and PRIO associate and by JESUS-GONZALEZ, known as "THE STRANGER", who went to the Dominican Republic several months ago after fleeing Guba in a small fishing boat.

PRIO sent an emissary who reported that the group of Cubans led by POLICARPO obeyed TRUJILLO and TRUJILLO considered them "his own men".

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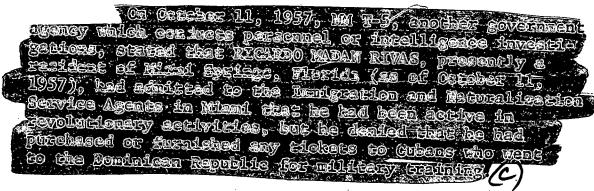
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MM T-4 said that on December 27, 1956, it was reported that SANCHEZ was working with RICARDO MADAN, and they were responsible for shipping a large quantity of arms into Cuba by use of the Air Express Service.

MM T-4 said that on April 27, 1957, a report was received that SANCHEZ and MADAN had been sentenced to death by certain elaborate of the "PRIO cause", who accused them of not having distributed all of the amounition for the attack on the Presidential Palace in Havana on March 13, 1957. MM T-4 said that this report of April 27, 1957, indicated that SANCHEZ had accused MADAN of being the only one responsible for the failure of the attack on the Palace.



On April 6, 1959, MM T-6 advised that RICARDO MADAN, who lives on Lanada Street in Miami Springs, Florida, has an office at the Eagle Shipping Company, 3212 Northwest North River Drive, Miami, reportedly was appointed as an investigator by SERGIO SANJENIS, the then Head of the Cuban investigative agency known as DIER (Department of Investigations of the Revolutionary Army). MM T-6 said that others who were appointed were ALBERTO LOPEZ LOPEZ, TONY FARINAS, JOE PAULA, and CARLOS MARTINEZ.

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MM T-2 advised that he knows MADAN personally 2 / and does not like being but believes that during the period of the mid-1950's MADAN was working for money.

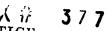
MM T-2 stated that he would describe MADAN as an exporter of arms and testiles in 1957.

MM T-2 sold that in 1957 the largest cache of dynamite soized during that general period by the Cuban Covernment was reportedly MADAN's own, at least he was held to be responsible for its being in Cuba.

MM T-2 stated that MADAN now gets marble from Cuba and Maxico, and that MM T-2 has heard that MADAN has purchased machinery for making terminal flooring from Italy, and that he still owes money for such machinery.

On February 18, 1960, the files of the Immigration and Maturalization Service reflect that MADAN's number is AlO-178-023. Their records reflect that his passport number was 03987, issued by the Republic of Cuba on March 12, 1953, and that it had an expiration date of March 11, 1958. His date and place of birth were listed as Havana, Cuba, December 25, 1912, and his address, at that time, was 4th Avenue between 48th and 50th Streets, Miramar, Havana, and his United States address was 1225 Southwest 22nd Terrace. His places of residence were listed as from birth to 1953, Esvana, Cuba, and from -1953 to 1955, the time of the filing of the application for temporary stay in the United States, as in Miami most of the time. Reports from the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Only and from the municipal jail in Bevene, both dated December 29, 1954, reflect that there was no record which would reflect on the character or the morality of MADAN as of those dates . A check of the Miami Police Department record of January 11, 1955, showed no record of MADAN, according to information contained in the above mentioned Immigration and Naturalization

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MM T-3 is a former Cuban official who has furnished some reliable information in the past and is acquainted with the subject.

MM T-4 has been contacted insufficiently to establish his reliability, but is acquainted with the subject.

MM T-6, contact with whom has been insufficient to establish reliability, is a former Cuban politician with wide acquaintance among Cuban element in Mismi and is acquainted with subject.

MM T-7 has furnished reliable information in the

MM T-8 has furnished some reliable information in the past and has a considerable number of acquaintances among Cuban element in the Miami ares.

past. MM T-9 has furnished reliable information in the

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